KU Global Connections: Brazil

The University of Kansas has maintained academic partnerships in Brazil since 2009. The following profile highlights KU research and teaching associated with Brazil.

Students & Visiting Scholars

KU enrolled 84 students from Brazil in Spring 2015. Nine visiting scholars from Brazil conducted research at KU as well.

Brazilian Students by Major

Faculty Engagement in Brazil

KU faculty teach and/or conduct research on Brazil and collaborate with Brazilian researchers on a wide range of areas, some of which are highlighted below.

Christopher Anderson, Business • Reza Barati, Chemical & Petroleum Engineering • Philip Baringer, Physics and Astronomy • Alice Bean, Physics and Astronomy • Dave Besson, Physics and Astronomy • Raj Bhala, Law • Melissa Birch, Business • J. Christopher Brown, Geography and Atmospheric Science and Environmental Studies Program • Nathaniel Brunsell, Geography • Muriel Cohan, Dance • Paula Cupertino, Preventive Medicine and Public Health • Gregory Cushman, International Environmental History • Bart Dean, Anthropology • Mariana Farah, Music • Sarah Frisof, Music • Kyoungchul Kong, Physics and Astronomy • Elizabeth Kuznesof, History • Susan Lunte, Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Chemistry • Andreas Moeller, Geology • Edward Morris, Applied Behavioral Science • Alexander Moise, Pharmacology & Toxicology • Andrew Townsend Peterson, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology • Kenneth Peterson, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology • John Ralston, Physics & Astronomy • Gene Rankey, Geology • Cary Reich, Political Science • Kimber Richter, Preventive Medicine and Public Health • Mark Richter, Molecular Biosciences • Michael Roberts, Clinical Child Psychology • Christophe Royon, Nuclear Physics • Paola Sanguinetti, Architecture • Marcio Santos, Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science • Cary Savage, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences • Paul Selden, Geology • Antônio Simões, Linguistics • Thomas Skrtlík, Special Education • Chad Slawson, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology • Paulette Spencer, Bioengineering • John Symons, Philosophy • Luciano Tosta, Brazilian Literature and Culture • Graham Wilson, Physics and Astronomy

The Fiske Guide to Colleges calls Spanish & Portuguese one of KU’s strongest programs. The department offers diverse and challenging courses in the language and culture of Brazil. Students can minor in Portuguese language and Brazilian literature and cultural studies.

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Academic units conduct research on or collaborate with Brazil

135
Brazilian students studied abroad at KU

91
KU students took courses in Portuguese

500,000
titles in KU Libraries’ Spanish, Portuguese, Latin American, and Caribbean Collection

Above data from 2014-2015
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Faculty-Led Study Abroad Programs

KU students engage in comparative academic studies, receive practical training, and visit sites of academic and cultural relevance in Brazil. More than 24 students have participated in KU faculty-led programs during the past five years. In addition to these, Study Abroad offers various other programs in Brazil.

Business in Brazil (Faculty-Led Spring Break)
Language and Culture in Salvador, Brazil (Faculty-led Summer)
State University of Campinas (UNICAMP) (Year, Semester)

Students from the Brazil Scientific Mobility Program (BSMP) celebrate at the 2014 Winter Recognition Ceremony for Sponsored and Visiting Students.

Agreements

Empresa Brasileira de Pesquisa Agropecuária (EMBRAPA) • Instituto Sustentar de Responsabilidade Socioambiental (ISRS) • Universidade De Sao Paulo • State University of Campinas (UNICAMP) • Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora • Universidade Federal de Pernambuco

Resources

Department of Spanish and Portuguese
Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies
Brazilian Student Association
KU’s Spanish, Portuguese, Latin American, and Caribbean Collections
KU Environmental Studies Program
School of Languages, Literatures & Cultures
Center for Global and International Studies
KU International Programs • Office of Study Abroad
KU Global Awareness Program (GAP) • KU Global Scholars
International Undergraduate Admissions
Brazil World Factbook

The University of Kansas has welcomed over 150 students from the Brazil Scientific Mobility Program (BSMP). BSMP provides undergraduate and graduate students in STEM fields with the opportunity to study abroad at top-tier American universities.

KU’s Sponsored and Visiting Student Program provides BSMP students with support, guidance, and development opportunities in and out of the classroom. The KU program, created in 2012, serves as the central point of contact for over 560 sponsored students from around the world and 40 funding organizations.

After their year at KU, BSMP students return home to complete their degrees. They go back to Brazil with new language skills, knowledge in their major, and a fondness for a certain bird.

“Studying at the University of Kansas was an excellent experience. While living in Lawrence, I could get involved in cultural and educational activities. The professors are accessible, and the advisors support the students in everything they need,” said BSMP student Raphaella Ingrid Santana Oliveira.